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SUBJECT:

1. SSA PLANS TO SPONSOR A TECHNICAL TRAINING AND PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSION FOR SELECTED FOREIGN SERVICE LOCAL'S WHO PERFORM FEDERAL BENEFITS WORK AT ADDRESSEE POSTS. THE FIVE WEEK PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE IN SSA DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, SEPTEMBER 27, 1976 THRU OCTOBER 29, 1976.

2. SELECTED PARTICIPANTS SHOULD HAVE CURRENT EXPERIENCE WITH AND DEMONSTRATE INTEREST IN FEDERAL BENEFITS WORK. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THIS ACTIVITY
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FOR SEVERAL YEARS AFTER RETURNING TO POST. BASED ON

PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH MESSRS. D'ANGELO, DUDAK, BOWLING AND ARCHULETA, SSA WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: MISS MARGARETA AULIN-STOCKHOLM, MR. EUGENIO CONTI-ROME; MR. MANUEL ORTIZ LOPEZ-MEXICO CITY; MS. DRAGOS-LAVA MARIN-BELGRADE; MISS GABRIELLA PULLI-NAPLES; MISS ACELA RAMOS VALLEJO-GUADALAJARA; MS. MAGDA VOJNOVIC-ZAGREB.

3. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONFIRM BY SEPTEMBER 3 WHETHER EMPLOYEES INDICATED IN PARA TWO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING PROGRAM DURING DATES MENTIONED.

4. THE DEPARTMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A TWO DAY BRIEFING PERIOD AFTER THE FIVE-WEEK TRAINING SESSION WHICH WILL PERMIT THE FSL'S TO CONSULT WITH OFFICERS OF OTHER AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON.

5. ALL TRANSPORTATION, PER DIEM NOT TO EXCEED THE THIRTY THREE DOLLAR DAILY MAXIMUM RATE, AND RELATED TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAM IN BALTIMORE SHOULD BE CHARGED TO SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION SYMBOL 75T8704, ALLOTMENT 4005210.253P. POST SHOULD HOWEVER, HANDLE THE ISSUANCE OF TRAVEL ORDERS, TICKETS ADVANCES, AND FINAL VOUCHERING IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPT OF STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

6. LUMP-SUM TRAVEL ADVANCE COVERING FULL FIVE WEEKS SHOULD BE PAID TO TRAINEES BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM POST. FUNDS WILL BE DISBURSED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR TWO DAY BRIEFING PERIOD UPON ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. IF ANY POST HAS A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS A FSL IS PERMITTED TO RECEIVE AT ONE TIME DUE TO FOREIGN CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS, BALANCE OF TRAVEL ADVANCE SHOULD BE MAILED PRIOR TO TRAINEES' ARRIVAL IN U.S. TO FOLLOWING ADDRESS: MR. COOPER BAREFILED, TRAINING COORDINATOR, 1953 DEERPARK ROAD, FINKSBURG, MARYLAND 21048. IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR HEW TO ADVANCE FUNDS TO FSL'S WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES. TRAVEL ON FLIGHT TICKETS BEARING ROUND TRIP EXCURSION TIME LIMITATIONS SHOULD NOT BE USED.

7. ALL FSL'S PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAM MUST OBTAIN FULL UNCLASSIFIED

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MEDICAL AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE FOR PERIOD OF TRAINING WHICH WILL COVER INDIVIDUALS WHILE IN THE U.S. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUREAU OF EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, GROUP ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS PROGRAM UNDERWRITTEN BY SUPREME LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICAN, WILL PROVIDE SHORT TERM COVERAGE FOR TRAINEES WHILE IN U.S. APPLICATION FORMS BEING FORWARDED TO SUBJECTS FOR THEIR COMPLETION PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL IN BALTIMORE. COST OF

SECURING INSURANCE MUST BE BORNE BY TRAINEES. ROBINSON

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